665 [578] unwise policies which specifically promote the interests of the farmers. In the realm of foreign politics, however, there are few differences of opinion. Most of the Finns feel that 641 the decisions made by the government at various times have been the only possible decisions. Lately there has been some indication of a rising opposition to the narrow and selfish programs of the political parties and an emphasis on the importance of a more idealistic attitude for the future of the whole country. There is no doubt that patriotic feelings are still strong among the Finnish people.

182 533 The national movement in the nineteenth century gave rise to fine patriotic poetry and music. The national anthem of Finland, Maamme 'Our Land,' first sung in the students' May festival in 1848, appeared as the opening

645 must enjoy the confidence of the Diet. Since political parties are many and no one of them ever has obtained a majority in the Diet, the governments in Finland tend to be rather short-lived.

641 The individual rights of Finnish citizens were for the most part established in the early Middle Ages and were effective throughout the Swedish-Finnish period. Since then, amendments and additions have been added. The basic rights include: equality in the eyes of the law, protection of life and honor, personal liberty, property rights, privacy of home, mails, telegrams and telephones, rights of meeting and association, freedom of speech, freedom of the press (no censorship in normal times), right of private and public worship and general suffrage. In addition, the Swedish-speaking part of the population is

641 specially guarded against undue Finnish influence and interference.

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